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DECATUR, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1878.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

I. R. B. CURTIS,

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

No. 25 North Main street, Decatur, Illinois.
Collections a specialty.

R. E. REED & CO., bankers; A. T. Hill,
National Bank; John Ulrich, wholesale grocer;

J. E. KELLY & CO., clothiers; John & George,

merchants; Capt. P. L. Lytle, Postmaster.

Dec. 31, 1877 - d&wtf.

BLYTHE & TROWBRIDGE,

DENTISTS,

offer their professional services to the public.
Continuing Gun Work a specialty. Office in
Opera Block, over H. B. Lewis' grocery store,
Decatur, Ill. Work warranted.

Nov. 10, 1877 - d&wtf.

F. W. MAHNE,

BILL POSTER, DISTRIBUTOR.

— AND —
AGENT SMITH'S OPERA HOU

may be found on inquiry at the REPUBLICAN
Counting Room.

F. E. BARTLETT,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Office on Prairie street, over "Boat" Boot and
Shoe Store, "The Drug Store." Having
been born and reared in Decatur for the practice
of my profession, I would respectfully
ask the citizens of Decatur and vicinity to
give me a share of your patronage, guaranteeing
on my part the best treatment in all cases.

Will be found at my office at all hours, day and
night, unless professionally engaged elsewhere.

Special attention given to diseases of men
and children.

R. B. LEONARD,

Teacher of Dancing.

Orders left at Prof. Goodman's, in Decatur
Museum Hall, or at Prof. Leonard's residence,
new address, East William street, will be
promptly attended to. Specie - Waiting,
Gilt Schleicher and Saratoga. Private lessons
given at the home of pupils if it pleases. No
classes. Pupils can commence at any time.
Out of town classes instructed on reasonable
terms.

S. J. HUNTER, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
OCULIST AND AURIST

Successor to Dr. J. W. Routh, Decatur. On
No. 2 East Main street, formerly occupied by Dr.
Routh. Residence No. 2 West Eldorado street.
May 28, 1877 - d&wtf.

JOSIAH M. CLOKEY,

Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,

Office over the Decatur National Bank. Spe-
cial attention to matters in Probate and Court
cases. Decatur, Ill. A. D. 1877 - d&wtf.

J. DAWKINS & CUNNINGHAM,

R. C. Dawkins, A. B. Cunningham,

DENTISTS,

Office over Becker, Hammer & Co.'s Bank,
Decatur, Illinois.

A. ROBERTSON SMALL, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Office No. 8 East Main street, up stairs. Resi-
dence No. 17 West Main street, Decatur. Ill.
Special attention given to Obstetrics and Dis-
eases of Women and Children. May 28, 1877 - d&wtf.

M. MAXWELL & WALKER,

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,

And Notaries Public, Deeds, Mortgages and
all kinds of contracts written. Loans negoti-
ated at 10 per cent, interest on face value.
All property in Macon and adjoining counties, all
wanting money will sell and get paid. Sept. 10, 1877 - d&wtf.

BUNN & PARK,

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,

Office No. 14 East Main street, up stairs, Deca-
tur, Illinois. April 17, 1877 - d&wtf.

BROWN & TAFT,

John A. Brown, Felix B. Taft,
Master in Chancery. Notary Public

Attorneys-at-Law,

Office No. 2 North Water street, over Benton's
Clothing Store, Decatur, Ill. Collections and
all legal expenses promptly attended to.

John 21, 1877 - d&wtf.

P. SPARKS, M. D.,

HOMOEOPATHIST.

Office over Post Office, Decatur, Ill. All calls
promptly responded to in the city or country
day or night. Residence No. 40 West Wood
street. Aug. 10, 1877 - d&wtf.

D. R. A. S. WALTZ,

DENTIST

Office over Barber & Co.'s Shoe Store, East Main
street; Residence No. 49 North Main street,
Decatur, Illinois. June 1, 1877 - d&wtf.

J. STRICKINS KING, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Formerly Resident Physician St. John's Hotel
for Invalids, Cincinnati, Ohio; late of United
States Army; Surgeon in Charge of Hospital, Nat-
ural State Hospital, Illinoian Post Office Block, en-
trance, Decatur, Illinoian Post Office, Decatur, Illinois.
Residence No. 40 North Main street.

June 17, 1877 - d&wtf.

T. H. HOSKINS,

DENTIST,

Offers his professional services to the people of
Decatur and vicinity. Work guaranteed of
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store, Merchant street, Decatur, Illinois.

May 28, 1877 - d&wtf.

HARVEY PASCO,

Attorney at Law,

And Notary Public, Collector of Collections,
Bankruptcy and Writs, etc. Office over Bush
& Co.'s Shoe Store, East Main street, Decatur, Ill.
Special attention given to Bankruptcy and
general collecting business. June 17, 1877 - d&wtf.

B. L. STEPHENS,

Attorney-at-Law,

Office over Newell & Hammer's Grocery Store,
Juli 1, 1877 - d&wtf.

A. BROWNE BURN,

Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,

Office over Wigington's, over Wigington's, 19
Street, Merchant street. Aug. 18, 1877 - d&wtf.

L. A. BUCKINGHAM,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Office over Hildebrandt's Drug Store, Decatur,
Illinois. April 17, 1877 - d&wtf.

H. P. CHILDS,

Veterinary Surgeon

Professional calls made at any hour during the
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The Agricultural Society of Coshocton county, Ohio, offers premiums for "rat tails"—the person exhibiting the greatest number, under oath that they were killed after March 1, 1878, Coshocton county, to be paid \$10; second largest number, \$7; third do., \$5; fourth do., \$3; fifth do., \$1. The manner of "killing the tails," or the disposition made of the "rats" thus curtailed, is not material, the only essential thing being that the "tails" were "killed" after March 1, 1878.

Farmers throughout the West are already plowing their lands and sowing and planting their seeds. Even as far North as Minnesota, where the winter has been almost as moderate as in Illinois, the ground is reported to be in good condition for Spring sowing, and farmers are nearly ready to begin putting in crops. That State will this season loan 200,000 bushels of seed wheat to the grasshopper sufferers, the value of which is to be collected with their regular taxes. In Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa a large breadth of land is being sown with wheat, the soil being in good condition, and the weather delightful.

Honesty is one of the ways democratic economy is practiced in the House of Representatives.

In the House there was a debate over the resolution to pay colored attendants in charge of the cloak room. It appears that the democrats have been accustomed to keep a large number of men on the rolls without authority. After considerable controversy the House refused to pay these men until Harrison's civil service committee have examined the subject. Cox, for the democrats, admitted that there were many persons on the rolls too gentle to do menial work, who employ others to do it for them, thus substituting depending upon the gratitude of congress for compensation.

A DISGUISED PORTER.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, writing from Hanover, Indiana, relates an anecdote of how Albert G. Porter, lately appointed first comptroller of the treasury, when a young man and a student at the college there, personated a runaway slave, and succeeded by that ruse in enabling the real "chattel" to make his way to freedom, avoiding arrest by Madison slave hunters, who looked on Hanover with great suspicion as an abolition hole and a station of Levi Coffin's underground railway. The correspondent says:

One morning they turned up in the village a "likely young negro," for whom a reward of \$300 was offered. Soon Wright Ray and Hall were on the track. Famous hunters of men in those days. Some of the boys determined to throw them off the scent. So, with a pot of lampblack and suitable apparel, young Porter, of smooth, round face, large mouth, thick lips and curly hair, became a genuine African. He was caught and firmly held by the boys. Word was dispatched to Ray and Hall, who left the scene when hot upon the real African, and returned to Hanover. The countenance of Hall was radiant with joy when he grasped the arm of Porter, remarking, "Good secure." Porter played his part admirably, telling of his master, his running away, and his desire to return, and that he had enough of freedom—all in unmistakable African Hall conveyed him to and securely locked him in a room of his house. The boys gathered about, requesting Hall to exhibit his prize. After a time he entered the room to find, not his prisoner, but in his place a white man. The light broke slowly through his bewildered senses, but the situation was entirely clear when he heard the uproarious jeers of the boys. Meanwhile the real African had sped his way safely on the road to Canada.

The latest sharp saying credited to Ben Butler is that a Resident of Union town, near Washington, wrote to Butler declaring he was no politician, but a patriot, and beseeching Butler to aid him in obtaining an office. The General sent back the applicant's letter endorsed as follows: "Respectfully returned. I do not believe a patriot stands the slightest chance of getting office under this administration."

GENERAL O. O. HOWARD, of the army, in a suit brought against him at Washington, the object of which was to hold him to personal account for the disastrous failure of the Freedmen's Savings Bank, several years ago, has been acquitted by the court of all blame and responsibility. General Howard was Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau at the time of the failure, and the democratic press has all along as said him with great bitterness for alleged dishonesty or mismanagement, whereas it now appears judicially that he is innocent of the least shadow of dishonor in the premises. Will his assailants now make the amende honorabile? Chicago Journal.

The advocates of cheap canal navigation have a wet blanket thrown over their shoulders in the fact that the canals of Ohio have cost that State \$1,000,000 over and above their gross earnings every year for the past sixteen years. As to whether any sort of transportation is cheap or costly to the public depends more upon the honesty or dishonesty of those controlling such transportation, than upon the sort of transportation.

The "In God We Trust" on the new dollar has reference to the other eight cents.—New York World.

"ON CHANGE."

Did you ever happen to be in a political convention where one-half of its members is attempting to perpetrate a fraud on the other half? If you have you have seen, say fifty men on the floor at once each yelling, at the top of his voice, "Mr. Chairman!" "Mr. Chairman!" and perhaps a half a dozen others rendering the air sulphurous with denunciation and bitter vituperation. I have seen much eloquence "waste its sweetness on the desert air" in these stormy conventions. A political convention under the most favorable circumstances is a pandemonium. Especially is it so where each individual representative considers that for the time being the law and the gospel, all the departments of the government, federal and state, together with the future weal or woe of the Republic rests on his, yes his shoulders. Place a man where he thinks he is sustaining a weight of several tons and he will make an ugly face and do some loud yelling.

Yet I say unto you that no political convention arrayed in all the paraphernalia that makes an institution of this sort a mob, ever came within gunshot of the Chicago Board of Trade when in session. A first class Indian war dance would faintly suggest the noise and confusion and general roar of the inside of that massive structure, at the corner of LaSalle and Washington streets, when corn or wheat is "on the rise." There are something over a thousand members of the board, and when trade is lively the most of them are present. Imagine to yourself a thousand men inside of a hall, one half "longs" and the other "shorts," one half "bulls" and the other "bears," one half trying to squeeze and the other trying not to be squeezed, and you will have a faint conception of the almost daily condition of things "on change." The excitement pervades the entire body, but there are from six to a dozen localities on the floors, observable from the gallery, where the excitement is more intense. These are the places where tide of speculation is running high, where they are about to "corner" something or somebody, and where some men are perhaps about to be landed high and dry on the rocks of bankruptcy. In descending the rapids of the St. Lawrence there are places observable frequently, amid the general unsatisfactory aspect of affairs, where the waters are thrown many feet high and dashed about in a reckless sort of fashion. The imaginative person would picture these localities as the abode of demons or some devilish aquatic monsters engaged in lashing and splashing, and gnashing of teeth. So it is on change on a field day. There are particular crowds where hats are thrown higher, where hands are waved more wildly and where the devil seems to be on the rampage. These men are not drunk, for of all the places for business in Chicago the locality of the Board of Trade is the poorest place for a thriving saloon business. Whiskey and strict business don't mix. At the Union Stock Yards, with six hundred commissioners in one building and double that number of employees they can only support a second class beer shop.

Neither are these men insane, however wild their actions, for they are as a body the shrewdest of business men, and calculate with the precision of an astronomer. I do not say these people are all honest or that they do a strictly legitimate business for I have too much respect for the traditional hatchet. MORE ANON.

From the New York World.
A DEAD MAN'S BUSINESS.

He is rich who is poor enough to be generous.

To extol one's own virtue is to make a vice of it.

An act of kindness to a shivering beggar child is a profession of religion. He who must use his eyes for ears hears much that is lost amid the noisy rattle of speech.

As a rule, the man who asks for credit in a whisky shop is beyond the hope of redemption.

Make light of your infirmities if you desire sympathy. Useless repinings ex cite disgust.

Take this, what has been written that which has done mankind no solid good, and a Saratoga trunk would hold the rest.

Look out for the man who makes liberal use of the personal pronoun "I" in conversation for the chances are that he is a liar.

I leave to my heirs an abundance of hate, envy and legal strife, would be an appropriate clause in the last wills of most rich men.

There is somewhere a fool key to your friends' nature, and if you can find it you can make him dance to any tune you whistle.

A girl's sighs are melodies to her lover's ears, and her tears are kissed away in sweet waters.

When a man reaches the age of 50 it is time for him to make up his mind as to what manner of old man he would like to be and put himself at once into training.

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THE WONDERFUL PHONOGRAPH.

In a record of scientific progress made during the year 1877, prepared by Prof. George, considerable space is devoted to the telephone and photograph discoveries made by Edison. The Professor says:

"But if some of the year's discoveries are of this technically, "useless" sort, the others are widely different. The introduction of the telephone marks an epoch and still more we think does that of the phonograph; though the latter invention is yet only in its infancy."

Nothing can be stranger, more startling, than its action. A person speaks a sentence into a mouthpiece like that of a speaking trumpet. The vibrations of a membrane thus put in motion impress themselves upon a sheet of tin foil wrapped upon a revolving cylinder. To-morrow—next week—next year—you come in, and setting the cylinder in motion again, you listen with an ear trumpet at the tube attached to the instrument, and it repeats to you distinctly, and with every peculiarity of tone and utterance what was said to it before.

As has been pointed out by another in describing this wonderful invention, we are now in presence of the startling possibility that the voices of the dead may be heard, so that we keep by us the likeness of a friend, and his written words, we may also preserve his tones and accent. Music is no longer evanescent, the voices of great singers will not die with them, but remain as long as the metal in which they are embodied lasts.

What fiction can be stranger than this fact, now realized at least long in imagination and desired indeed. "Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand, And the sound of a voice that is still!"

Victor Hugo retains his eloquence, regardless of age. The great Frenchman lately said, at the unveiling of a bust on the tomb of a partisan friend: "Citizens, I call to witness the great departed we are honoring—the Republic will live. It is in the presence of death that life must be affirmed. The Republic will live because it is right, because it will be concord, because we are alement, pacific and brotherly. Here the majority of death surrounds us with its dark, sublime horizon. May the Republic calm us, extinguish hatred, quarrels, and anger!"

AN average of \$10,000 of the new silver dollars will hereafter be coined per day at the Philadelphia Mint, but it will be some time before these coins will be in general circulation.

"GERMAN SYRUP."

No other medicine in the world was given such a test of curative qualities as Boeckel's German Syrup. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed free of charge by Druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Cough, Pneumonia and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that German Syrup will cure them. The result has been told to Druggists in every town and village in the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your Druggist and ask what they know about it. Simple Bottles ten cents. Regular size 55 cents. Three doses will relieve any case. Jan. 22—d&wif.

Berlin Zephyr at 15 and 20 cents an ounce, and full length German Yarn at 25 cents a hank. LINN & SCHNEIDER.

Feb. 12—d&wif.

P. T. Lockie says he will sell Organs and Pianos cheap. Bran new organs for \$100, new pianos, \$100 to \$1,000. See him at the Priory House.

March 1 dif.

Window Shades and Fixtures. Full assortment at J. S. HAND & CO'S, March 6-dif. Next door to Postoffice.

Yesterday I had such a bad cold that I could not speak. I used Dr. Hull's Cough Syrup, and to day I am as well as ever. It only cost me 25 cents.

A large lot of Hamburg Edging just received and very cheap, at Feb. 16—d&wif. LINN & SCHNEIDER.

NOTICE.

A third series of the stock of the People's Homestead, Savings and Loan Association will be issued, to date from April 1, 1878. D. C. SNODGRASS, Pres.

O. B. GOINS, Secy., mar 6-d&wif.

The Patent Christ Comforts—Brett's Adjustable, Fly, Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city, at 23 d&wif. LINN & SCHNEIDER.

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See the "New Nappy Holders" for sale by Otto E. Curtis, the jeweler. A new invention, and the neatest thing out Feb. 12-d&wif.

Nobby—These new shoes at Barber & Baker's. Be sure and see them before you buy.

Feb. 25—d&wif.

TELEGRAPHIC

ANGLO-AUSTRIAN SUSPICIONS.

The Latest Rumors in Relation to the Congress.

A Deplorable Case of Trichina.

The New Hampshire Election.

WASHINGTON RUMORS.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Senate committee on post offices and post roads, to-day, resumed consideration of Alexander Reed's nomination as postmaster for Toledo, but reached no conclusion.

The Senate committee on commerce unanimously agreed to report favorably on the nomination of Alugro N. Board, collector of customs at Boston.

A report received from Pensacola states that within a radius of seventy-five miles of that place the public lands have been denuded of more timber than in the same radius in any other locality in the United States. It is estimated that about seven-tenths of the lumber shipped from Pensacola is taken from the public domain, and that \$200,000 could be recovered for the Government if the cases are properly prosecuted.

The Senate's subcommittee, in charge of various bills concerning transcontinental railway communication on or near the thirty-second parallel, reported favorably on the Texas Pacific project, and submitted to the full committee a copy of the bill agreed upon by the House Pacific Railroad committee. The full committee began discussion of the measure, and adjourned until Tuesday, when final action is expected. The sub-committee is composed of Senators Matthews, Saunders, Dorsey, Barnum and Ransom.

The Secretary of the Treasury says the report that he has decided to sell a large amount of 14 per cent bonds at par in gold is erroneous.

He had made no such decision. The total subscription to 14 per cent bonds since the date of the treasury circular, January 16, advertising the loan, is \$3,500,000. Subscriptions for the present month to date aggregate \$1,500,000. To-day's subscriptions did not go above \$16,000.

The committee on Ways and Means made a number of new changes in the tariff bill to-day, among them salt in bags, sacks, barrels or other packages 12c per 100 pounds; in bulk 2c per 100 pounds, new type and type metal 20 per cent ad valorem.

Ten thousand new silver dollars were received at the Treasury to-day, and about \$3,000 have been paid out in exchange for gold.

VIENNA, March 14.—Russia has intimated her desire that the Congress meet on the 30th of March, the twenty-second anniversary of the signature of the treaty of Paris. The Austrian Government formally anticipates that the Congress will assemble that day.

Berlin, March 14.—The Anglo-Austrian demand that the whole of the Russian-Turkish agreement shall be submitted to the Congress, arises from a belief that special and secret arrangements have been entered into independent of the principal party.

Bucharest, March 14.—In Russian military circles it is considered probable that Prince Battenberg will be chosen Prince of Bulgaria.

London, March 14.—In the House of Commons this afternoon, Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that if the mutiny bill and certain estimates are passed, the House will rise the 16th or 18th of April till the 6th of May, for an Easter recess. The Chancellor also stated that he will introduce the budget on the 4th. In reply to a question, the Chancellor said the Government has agreed to take part in the Congress.

During his remarks in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Stafford Northcote said that the Government is now communicating with various persons regarding the terms on which we shall enter the Congress. The Chancellor also said he could not enter into details, but he might say that in the Congress he would maintain its liberty of action. It was not intended that the majority should bind the minority. England will maintain her views in Congress, and will declare before entering it that every article of the treaty of peace shall be placed before the Congress in such manner that the Congress can judge whether the articles are to be accepted or not.

Very truly yours,
MAHLON MOYER.

Price 25 cents per box. Prepared only at the Chemical Laboratory of H. C. Al�ahill, Philadelphia, Pa. To be had in Decatur by Mr. J. T. Hubbard, Druggist.

Price to suit the times for wall paper at J. S. Hand & Co's. mar 6-d&wif.

PRIMA, Dec. 11, 1876.

MU. H. C. ALEXANDRA—Dear Sir: The Harrison's Cough and Voice Lozenges you so kindly gave me, when I was suffering from a severe cough, acted as if by magic in relieving me, and I shall take much pleasure in recommending them to my friends.

With thanks for your kind offer, I accept it.

Yours very truly,
J. T. HUBBARD.

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FAST MAIL ROUTE

Through Time by the
13&W
ROUTE EASTWARD.

BLENZ & DANZEISEN
BUTCHERS

AND
PACKERS.

A NEW STOCK OF
SMOKED AND CURED
MEATS.

WEST SIDE OF THE OLD SQUARE

We have on hand a choice lot of Sugar-Cured Hams at 10 cents per pound. Sugar-Cured Shoulders at 10 cents per pound. Lard at 10 cts. per pound; Sliced Hams at 15 cents per pound.

Breakfast Bacon, Dried Beef, Bologna and Lard, at Wholesale and Retail.

FRESH MEATS

of all kinds on hand. We kill only first-class stock.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS, 1878
MACON COUNTY, 1878

In the Circuit Court of said county to the May Term, A. D. 1878.—In Probate.

In the name of the estate of Barney Donnelly, deceased.

TO AND AFTER JAN. 1st, 1878 trains will

EASTWARD.

TOLEDO, PEORIA AND WARSAW
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